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TEENAGERS INJURED—Four local teenagers escaped serious injuries last Thursday night when the driver of this automobile lost control in a curve on Airport Road. According to Alabama State Trooper Willie James White, a female passenger was thrown from the vehicle when it overturned. Connie Clay was hospitalized with cuts and bruises at Elba General Hospital but has been released. The other passengers, Tommy Tatum, Todd and Craig Boswell, were treated and released the night of the accident. Elba policeman assisted Trooper White in investigating the accident.

Fall Brings New Hope For Local Lukemia Patient

By CYNDI MADDOX

Almost five years ago, Jim and Myrna Rhoades were told to spend as much time as possible with their infant daughter and were given little hope by medical specialists that the child would celebrate her first birthday.

Today Robyn Rhoades runs and plays as actively as any other five-year-old. She is enrolled in kindergarten this year and is looking forward to starting school next fall.

Next fall will also mark another first for young Robyn. For the first time since 1976, when doctors diagnosed her as having two rare types of leukemia, Robyn will be taken off chemotherapy.

On July 7, 1976 medical specialists at Children's Hospital in Birmingham discovered four-month-old Robyn had acute myelocytic leukemia and another rare form of the often fatal disease. They immediately started administering chemotherapy treatments, yet her parents were given no hope or encouragement about the baby's condition.

But the Rhoades never gave up and were confident their child would live. After months of intensive chemotherapy treatments and fervent prayers, what doctors described as "a miracle" occurred a few days before Christmas. Robyn went into a state of remission and has remained there since then.

This perky and seemingly healthy little girl will be the center of attention on May 2 during the Leukemia Society of America's Cycle-for-Life being held in Elba. The local bike-a-thon will be

held in Robyn's honor, as a tribute to her courageous battle with the nation's number one killer disease of children.

Despite the five years of remission, Robyn and her family are not oblivious to the chances of a relapse, nor has she been free of painful treatments and tests.

In August after Dr. William Crist diagnosed Robyn as a leukemia victim she went into the first remission period. But Dr. Crist's prediction that it would only last a few months proved true and his youngest chemotherapy patient relapsed in November.

"The doctors said she would probably go through a series of relapses," said Mrs. Rhoades. "She was very ill and the treatments caused all her hair to come out. Dr. Crist told us to spend all the time we possibly could with her."

A few days before Christmas of that year, Robyn achieved remission again. After the medical team had exhausted all the resources they had at that time for combating Robyn's rare types of leukemia, they decided to gamble with another form of chemical treatment.

"Dr. Crist said they had given her everything they could. He finally decided to give her the medication used in treating lymphocytic leukemia (leukemia affecting the lymph cells)," Mrs. Rhoades recalled. According to the mother, 80 to 85 percent of all leukemia victims have the lymphocytic form of the disease.

Despite the doctors' grim hopes, Robyn responded to the treatment and is currently the only survivor in

Alabama of myelocytic leukemia being successfully treated with this chemotherapy. Robyn's illness is normally treated with bone marrow transplants, noted Mrs. Rhoades, but in this case, no one in the family was found to be a suitable donor for the transplant.

Even though today, Robyn appears as normal and healthy as any other child her age, the Rhoades still must keep a cautious eye on her.

Since she is still going through chemotherapy, Robyn is unable to take immunizations that would ward off childhood diseases. And because of the leukemia, her ability to fight infections is reduced. The doctors' main concern has been to keep Robyn from being exposed to chicken pox.

"The first year our son Rob started to school we had to separate them three different times because he was exposed to chicken pox. Then one morning we woke up and found Rob broken out with it. So we immediately had to rush Robyn to Birmingham."

When she is taken off chemotherapy this fall, Robyn will then be able to take immunizations and some of the extreme precautions will ease.

"I never believed that Robyn wouldn't make it, so we've tried to treat her as normally as possible the entire time so we would be able to live with her at home," Mrs. Rhoades noted. "She didn't even know until she was four-years-old that she took medication. I would put the tablets in ice cream or peanut butter because it was so important that she take it. And with kids that age, they might or might not want to take the medicine."

While Robyn was unaware of the

School Lunches Threatened By Government Cutbacks

By CYNDI MADDOX

Proposed reductions in personnel, predicted cuts in lunchroom operations, and uncontrolled losses of federal funds are the current topics of discussion at the Coffee County Board of Education office.

Superintendent Johnny Vaughan reminded the board of education yesterday that the days of excesses in education are over and sacrifices must be made in every phase of the school system's operation. The superintendent opened Wednesday's board meeting by pointing out the difficulties he is having keeping transportation costs within this year's budget.

"Everywhere else we are in accordance with the budget. But our gasoline and oil expenditures were almost \$70,000 through the month of March. At the end of last year our total transportation figure was \$70,000," Vaughan explained.

He also said only one of the three proposed education budgets before the state Legislature includes increased state funds for transportation costs, and that is Gov. Fob James' budget.

"At first I thought the Governor's budget didn't have any chance of passing, but now it looks like the lesser of three evils," said Vaughan.

Board member Harrell Carroll suggested that the board think about reducing the number of stops county school buses make next year.

"Instead of making 10 stops to pick up 10 children, it would be better to make two stops to pick up 10," said

Carroll. "I know a lot of parents aren't going to like to have 10 children gather at their house. But if we're going to continue to run buses, we're going to have to cut somewhere."

Vaughan presented the board members with copies of the cuts in federal revenues which are affecting the local schools. The losses amount to more than \$278,000 for the Title I, Title VI-B, Title IV-C, Title IV-B, CETA, child nutrition, and vocational programs.

The Comprehensive Education Training Act (CETA) funds are being phased out completely. Vaughan said the money is used to pay salaries of maintenance personnel and teachers' aides.

"With these cuts I don't know who will be janitors and aides next year. It may even be us. One thing for sure, we will be utilizing kids to help us keep the rooms and buildings clean," noted the superintendent.

Several board members reminded Vaughan that in the past, school students were responsible for sweeping floors and washing blackboards, and they may have to perform cleaning chores again.

With the loss of \$52,676 of federal child nutrition monies, Vaughan said drastic changes are scheduled for the county lunchroom program.

"If these cuts go through like expected, prices on lunches will have to increase. That could mean lunches being as much as \$1.35 a day. And that's going to mean a lot more students bringing their own lunches."

"My recommendation this summer

may be for us to just get out of the school lunchroom program entirely. We aren't required by law to furnish lunches," Vaughan warned.

He listed several other alternative lunch programs for the county board members to consider, including hiring a catering service, sandwich and other vending machines, or a centralized county lunchroom.

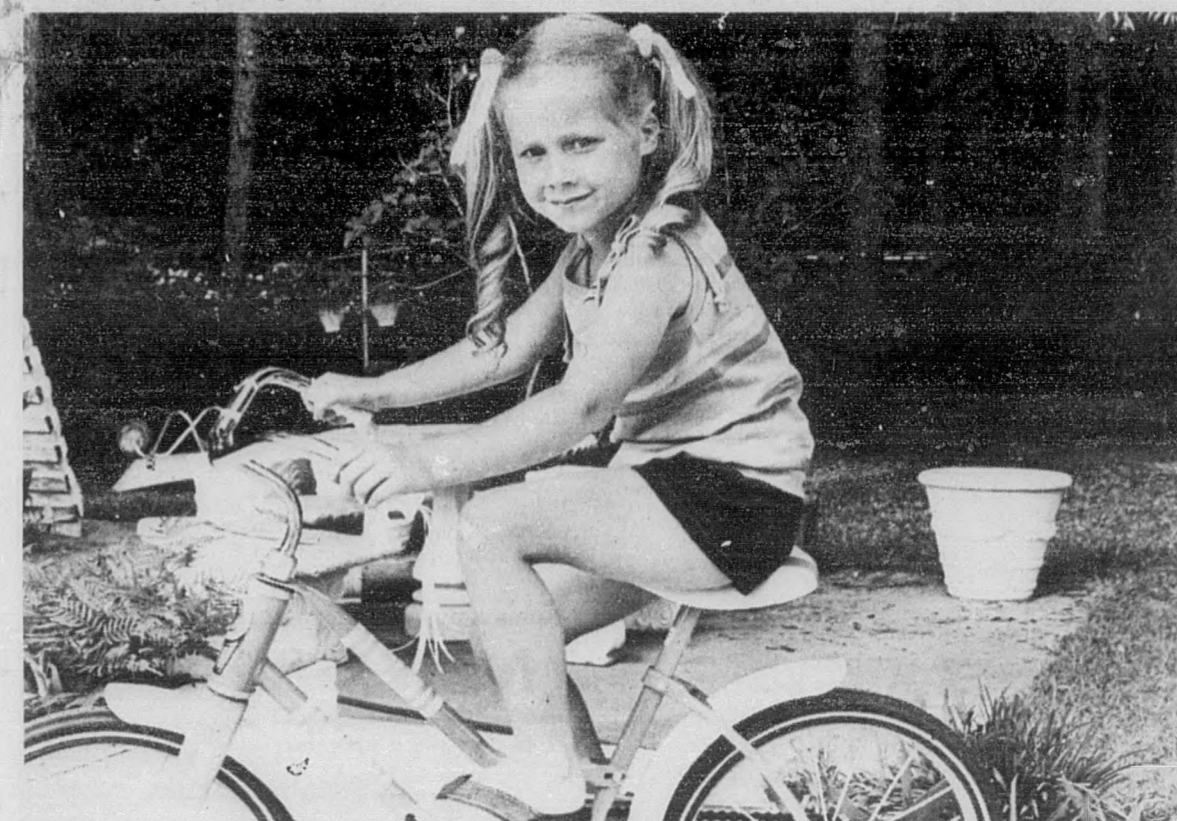
With the loss of revenue from federal sources and continued state proration, a reduction in the teaching staff is expected. Vaughan said he still is not sure how many positions may be affected.

He has prepared a letter that will be sent to a majority of the county's 35 non-tenured teachers stating that their contract will not be renewed at the end of this school term. However, the board postponed action on mailing those letters until the May 12 board meeting.

The superintendent said he would have a better idea at that time on the number of cuts needed. Vaughan also pointed out that many of the teachers who do receive these letters will still probably have a job in the county system next year, but it might be mid-summer before financial evaluations are completed and contracts are renewed.

In other action the board appointed the following persons to serve as school trustees—GOODMAN: Jimmy Clark, Durrell Anderson and Carol Hamilton; KINSTON: Jimmy Dotery, Palmyro Howell, and Ann Marsh; NEW

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YOUNG ROBYN RHOADES PREPARES FOR THE BIKE-A-THON

"hidden tablets", she has always been aware of two other unpleasant experiences which now have become routine in her life—blood work and bone marrow tests.

Once every three months she undergoes these tests to determine if the disease is still in remission. The blood tests aren't so bad, according to Robyn. But she doesn't even like to talk about the bone marrow incidents.

"It's going to make me dream about it," Robyn reminded her

mother. And for this young child in pigtails who has gone through more than her share of pain, those dreams are not pleasant.

CYCLE-FOR-LIFE

Charlotte Windham, chairman of the Elba Cycle-for-Life, said anyone interested in participating in the event can pick up registration and sponsor forms at the local schools by the end of this week.

Registration for the event will be at

8:30 a.m. on May 2 with the actual cycling scheduled at 9 a.m. Bikers will follow a two or three mile route starting at Elba Elementary School. According to Mrs. Windham, participants can then continue on that route for a maximum of 10 miles.

The boy and girl who turn in the most money from pledges on the morning of the bike-a-thon will receive 10-speed bicycles. The second place money raiser will win an AM-FM radio.

Council Meeting Highlighted With Mayor Receiving Jar Of Jellybeans

The Elba City Council held a brief meeting Monday night with all members present. The only motions made were to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting and another to adjourn. Between the two, however, there was some discussions and reports from city officials.

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. W.T. Harris. Police Chief Ray Norris presented a copy of case dispositions from city court and reported that another session would be held Tuesday night, April 21. He also told the council that the policemen are now wearing a summer uniform.

City Engineer Jim Williams reported little unusual activity. He brought the council up-to-date on needed repair work on the Polka Street

extension that extends behind the Piggly Wiggly. He recommended the street be ripped up and resurfaced. The cost estimate for this would be \$1,200 with city crews preparing the road bed. No action was taken at this time.

Mayor Bob English reported that Roland Powell accepted operation of the River Pool at the same rates charged last year. He had earlier asked to increase the charges to swimmers.

A letter from the Elba Band Boosters was read to the council challenging them to make individual contributions to the Band Day fund drive.

Ronnie Jinnright appeared before the council and offered help in installation of a boat ramp on Pea River at the dam. He said a group of fishermen were ready to donate the cement if the city

will install the facility. English told him plans are underway to construct the facility below the powerhouse (down river). Jinnright said some would rather be installed upstream. English promised to discuss the matter with interested citizens before a decision is made.

English told the council he accepted an invitation to meet with Vice President George Bush and top cabinet members in Washington on Wednesday (yesterday). Most councilmen had already heard about the trip as signified by the presentation of a jar of jelly beans to English by Councilman Sonny Inman on behalf of the council. Inman did not have the beans in the fancy jar as those special sweets craved by President Ronald Reagan, but substituted a mayonnaise jar instead.



PRELIMINARY TOUCHES—This lovely contestant in the Womanless Beauty Contest, to be held Friday night at the Elba High School auditorium, gets a few pointers from a local make-up consultant. Eddie Vaughan is determined to be more "radiant and spectacular" than the other local beauties. To insure his success, he sought the professional help of Amorette Bullard earlier this week in applying his false eyelashes.



Brainstorms

With Fern Cox

We are all familiar with the continuing reports that almost everything we eat, drink or breathe causes cancer in rats when poured into them in huge amounts. Well, the science world is still aggravating us who are content with our life as we are living it. They now have "discovered" that after rats get this cancer from the things we enjoy, they have a better cure rate if they are regular joggers! We can't verify this study, but it was reported to an International Cancer Symposium in New York last year - so it must be true.

A more serious tidbit we picked up from reports of the meeting is that the general public is not taking advantage of the little bits of information available that can help in the prevention of 60 percent of all cancers. The reasons we don't pick up on all this info and utilize it is that we stay confused by the conflicting studies from various "experts."

The national 55-mile-an-hour speed limit for automobiles is continually coming under fire. Two states have now done something they think will relieve the pressure from motorists and still keep in favor with federal regulators who insist the limits be enforced or they will cut off the federal highway money. The state legislatures have reduced the fine on speeding down to \$5.00; however, unless there is some cut in court expenses, that can still be costly, as in Coffee County the minimum court cost is \$26.50 a case.

The Alabama House of Representatives has passed a bill to increase the speed limit for cars and trucks. We understand the political pressure they face to force this, but are concerned about the determination of federal regulators to see that the 55 limit is enforced, or offending states will lose federal highway funds. We hope the Alabama Senate, in their infinite wisdom, will reject the bill, or at least change it a bit. States such as Nevada have reduced the fine for speeding up to 70 miles an hour, to \$5.00. However, this wouldn't be as great as it sounds were we assume court costs are about the same in the other 60 counties as in Coffee.

A new report on property taxes in the South, published by the University of Alabama, indicates the average acre of forest land in Alabama is taxed at 59 cents per acre, while in neighboring Georgia the average is \$6.70 for the same acre of forest land. It is incredible that Alabama is at the very bottom nationally on rates of property tax; property owners clamor for further reductions and the Alabama legislature is actively considering laws to reduce. For Alabama to be tied with the second lowest state in property tax, we would have to raise the tax rates by a whopping 66%.

Band Day activities are shaping up and ye ole editor has had several nosy people wanting to know just when certain people, such as myself, would be on the dunking machine. Well, we studied the whole deal, including the thought of being first before people arrived; in the middle while people were eating lunch; and last, after all the money was spent. We formed a committee and recommended the charges for the dunking machine be double (or tripled) but our report was actually ignored! The end results are that we ain't telling what time we will sit on the little perch, but we dare you to come out, pay your money and try to dunk this writer!

One night this week we dug ourselves to a meeting in New Brockton because we had promised to make a picture. We were tired and actually dreamed to head east rather than straight home and rest, but we went anyway. Sitting there listening to the speaker, our mind wandered and it kept going back to "where have we known this guy before?" Once he mentioned he was a pilot, we knew when, where, what and why! We served in the same Army unit during the late 1950's both at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and in Germany. We hadn't seen him since 1959 and we were struck with the change in his looks. . . HE looks a lot older than he did then. After the meeting we caught up with many of the folks we served with (some now dead) and promised to get together again. The end result was that we left the meeting refreshed and not a bit tired, all because of this chance encounter.

BROCKTON ELEMENTARY: D.W. Rogers, Mix Andrews, and Jean McDaniel; **NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL:** J.L. Weeks, Jimmy Peacock, and Jeff Smith; **ZION CHAPEL:** Richard McCloud, Gilmer Grant, and Roger Goodson; **NEW HOPE:** Ronny Bass, Wayne Smith, and Rhett Snelgrove.

A new policy regarding school athletics was adopted by the board members. Vaughan said most of the procedures listed in the policy are already being followed. County high school football teams are limited to 10 regular season games; spring training can begin only after the conclusion of area and state basketball tournaments in which county teams are participating; spring jamborees may be held; junior high teams are limited to five games.

Senior high basketball teams are limited to 18 regular season games, a conference or invitational tournament, area, region, and state tournaments; a maximum of two games, including rescheduled events, can be played each week with one of the games being played on Friday night; practice begins after the conclusion of football season; junior high teams are limited to a maximum 10 games - one per week - county single elimination and county area tournaments; girls' teams limited to eight games and the area tournament unless basketball is the only girls' sport and the games can be increased to 12.

Girls' volleyball teams are limited to eight games and the area tournament; girls' softball teams limited to eight games; Goodman and New Hope softball teams are limited to six games; and there will be no organized sports for kindergarten through sixth grades.

The board also approved a tentative calendar for the 1981-82 school year with classes beginning on August 24 and ending May 28. Holidays will include Labor Day on September 7, Columbus Day on October 12, Veterans' Day on November 11, Thanksgiving on November 26-27, Christmas holidays on December 21-January 1, Washington's birthday on February 15, spring holidays on March 8-12, and Good Friday on April 9.

POLICE DOCKET

The following are actual excerpts from the Elba Police Department docket dated April 14 through April 20. All names have been omitted by this newspaper.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

9:10 a.m. - Caller from health department requested police check on man to see if Rescue Squad is needed.
9:24 a.m. - Patrolman reported man refused aid, possibly intoxicated.
7:21 p.m. - Unknown caller reported dog racing in Brookdale.
8:50 p.m. - Woman caller advised of a peeping tom in Colin Trailer Park.
9:36 p.m. - Woman caller advised of a suspicious car parked near Bradshaw's Grocery.
10:09 p.m. - Woman caller requested someone check lights at Mulberry Heights ballfield (fire popping from light).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

7:53 a.m. - Woman caller requested dog catcher on Dr. Roberts Drive.
8:11 a.m. - Woman caller requested dog catcher on Collier St.
10:04 a.m. - Woman caller requested dog catcher on Caroline Street.
4:14 p.m. - Woman caller requested dog catcher "pick up 2 dogs on Cordelia Street."
6:11 p.m. - Male caller on Stouemire Street reported disturbance.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

6:05 a.m. - Hospital requested Rescue Squad transfer a patient to Dothan.
8:38 a.m. - Caller from Collier Street complained of a German Shepherd between bank and Piggy Wiggly.
11:57 a.m. - Woman caller reported she had a shoplifter in store.
1:31 p.m. - A woman is arrested and charged with 3rd degree theft and attempting to bribe a witness.
3:59 p.m. - Male caller requested police at his home on Taylor Ave., reference to harassment.
5:41 p.m. - Unknown caller reported a fight behind middle school.
8:06 p.m. - Unknown caller reported a wreck on Airport Road with injuries.
9:40 p.m. - Patrolman reported a truck parked in alley behind Vaughan's Hardware.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

1:30 a.m. - New Brockton police requested Elba police stop a vehicle com-

ing from New Brockton.
2:21 a.m. - Male caller requested police at his home.
8:15 a.m. - Lady caller requested dog catcher pick up a dog on Seminole Circle.
10:45 a.m. - Male caller reported two cars collided on Troy Highway, both left scene.
11:20 a.m. - Caller reported a woods fire on 189 North near Ham Chapel.
11:20 a.m. - Woman caller reported dogs running loose on Dr. Roberts Dr.
12:41 p.m. - Man reported cows out on Airport Road.
4:36 p.m. - Woman is arrested for issuing a worthless check.
7:43 p.m. - Lady caller advised a man and woman are fighting in Bullard's Apartments.
11:22 p.m. - Lady caller reported possible breaking and entering at building on Caroline Street.
11:47 p.m. - Woman caller requested police at her home on Sunset Blvd.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

8:53 a.m. - Patrolman issued a citation to an Elba man for reckless driving.
8:58 a.m. - Lady advised her car broke down a mile across bridge on Highway 84 East.
9:08 a.m. - Woman caller requested chief of police at her home.
9:41 a.m. - Patrolman advised his cows are out on Larkin Road.
10:00 a.m. - Patrolman issued a citation to an Elba man for reckless driving(70 in 40 zone).
10:23 a.m. - Caller from Elba hospital requests Rescue Squad transfer a patient to Enterprise.
10:29 a.m. - Woman caller advised she will be out of town for seven days, requested police keep check on house.
1:29 p.m. - Patrolman issued a citation to an Elba man for improper muffler.
1:32 p.m. - Male caller reported horse in road on Taylor Mill Road.
3:21 p.m. - Caller requested police advise a man his wife is in emergency room at Elba hospital.
5:10 p.m. - An Elba man is arrested for issuing a worthless check.
6:32 p.m. - Lady caller advised of wreck at Danley's Crossroads, Rescue Squad is needed.
7:12 p.m. - Male caller advised cows out on Larkin Road.
9:12 p.m. - Male caller advised kids are in front of Sears.
10:50 p.m. - Caller from Elba emergency room requested police, victim of knife fight at hospital.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

12:11 a.m. - Woman caller requested police at dam.
12:18 a.m. - Patrolman advised of wreck at dam, requested Rescue Squad and state trooper.
9:06 a.m. - Caller from Elba hospital requested Rescue Squad make transfer to a Montgomery hospital (urgent!).
10:24 a.m. - Male caller requested Rescue Squad at home on Smith Avenue.
1:31 p.m. - Woman caller requested police car meet her at cemetery.
1:42 p.m. - Caller reported cows are out on Larkin Road.
5:10 p.m. - Lady caller advised couple running go-karts on Taylor Mill Road.
5:24 p.m. - Patrolman issued a citation to a New Brockton man for speeding.
6:31 p.m. - Patrolman issued a citation to an Enterprise man for speeding.
9:12 p.m. - Man advised a subject threatened him with a gun at Dairy Queen.
9:40 p.m. - An Enterprise man is arrested for reckless endangerment.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

11:00 a.m. - Patrolman issued a citation to an Elba woman for driving wrong way on Highway 84 East.
12:01 p.m. - Caller reported cows out in Larkin Road.
12:40 p.m. - Caller from Elba General requested Rescue Squad transfer a patient to her home.
2:57 p.m. - Caller reported cows out in Larkin Road.
3:22 p.m. - Caller from Smith Avenue reported a car hit his mailbox.
8:20 p.m. - Lady caller advised subjects disturbing neighbors on River-view.

OBITUARIES

MATTIE GESSERT
Mattie Mae Gessert, age 64, of Rt. 4, Elba, died Sunday, April 19, 1981, in the Elba hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 21, at the Hayes Funeral Home. Burial was in the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery, with Hayes directing.

OSCAR GLOVER
Mr. Oscar Glover, age 95, of Rt. 3, Elba, died Monday, April 20, 1981, in the Elba hospital. He was a member of Wooten Chapel Assembly of God.

Youth Rally At Macedonia Baptist
The Coffee County Youth Rally will be held at Macedonia Baptist Church, April 25, at 7 p.m. The host church will present the program.

Patchwork Derby Planned At Andy
The fifth annual Patchwork Derby will be held in Andalusia on Saturday, May 2, at Robinson Park on Church Street, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Spring Forward
It is time to change the time again by moving the clock hands up an hour before going to bed Saturday night. Therefore, instead of the clock showing midnight, it will be 1 a.m.

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City dog warden Hiram Glass shows off a beagle puppy that is available for adoption from the Elba Animal Shelter. Anyone wishing to adopt a dog should call 897-5412 or 897-2555.

Service News

KENNETH D. JONES

Army Pvt. Kenneth D. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Jones of Route 1, New Brockton, recently completed training as a cannonner under the one Station Unit Training (OSUT) program at the U.S. Army Field Artillery School in Fort Sill, OK. OSUT is a 13-week period which combines basic combat training with advanced individual training. Students learn the duties of a howitzer or gun section crewman and received instruction in handling ammunition, setting fuses and preparing charges, communications and maintenance.

CLIFFORD L. BROWN

Army Pvt. Clifford L. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hayward C. Brown of Rt. 3, Elba, recently completed a chaplain course at the U.S. Army Air Defense School in Ft. Bliss, TX. During the training, students learned all phases of the firing and tracking systems of this air defense weapon.



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ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thursday, 5:00 p.m. - Superintendent's Office

BPW - 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m. - Holley's Restaurant

ELBA JAYCEETTES - 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. People's Bank Building. All Jaycees wives invited.

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Legion Home, Troy Hwy. Members bring covered dish

BOY SCOUTS - Mondays, 7:00 p.m. at the pool

WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD - 1st Monday, 5:00 p.m. City Hall

EU A MASONIC LODGE #170 - 1st & 3rd Saturday night, 2nd & 4th Monday nights - 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Tues. 7:30 p.m. EHS auditorium.

WOW Lodge 458 - Masonic Hall, New Brockton, 7:30 p.m. 1st Tues. each month

HOSPITAL News

Persons admitted to Elba General Hospital during the period of April 14 - 20 include the following:
Jane Bryan, Nanette Carter, G.W. Hudson, Martha Rowe, Lou Ellen Peterson, Erna Brown, Myrtle Carpenter, Christopher Bryan, Lois English, Lizzie Stephens, Gloria Culver, Sonya Cassel, Derrill Ennis, Mary Sanders, Betty Flowers, Earnestine Kelley, Preston Fillmon, Sibley Daniels, Jimmy Dutton, Claude Dorsey III, Jessie Spurlin, Hazel Gibbs, Cynthia Cotton, Velma Coleman, Willie Lee Padgett, Dennis Willis, Jessie Reynolds, Elizabeth Coleman, Ervin Blackmon, Wornell Nelson, Marsha Bryan, Lillie Walker, Natalie Terry, Frank Murphy.

Those discharged during the same time include:
Clyde Moore, Frances Worley, Ella Fair Boutwell, Orell Mathews, Virginia Oglesby, Lou Ellen Peterson, Shelly Phillips, Connie Grant, Verlee Brown, Derrick Thigpen, Jonnie Thomas, W.M. Ringsdorf, Clyde Goodson, Alton Jernigan, Derrill Ennis, Jessie Culver, Everett Askew, Martha Rowe, Earnestine Kelley, Jane Bryan, Lois English, Hazel Gibbs, Cynthia Cotton, G.W. Hudson, Nanette Carter, Ora Kelley, Madie Claude Dorsey III, Nellie Dean, Jeanna Barlow, Lucille Barron, Christopher Bryan, Freeda Hooks, Sonya Cassel, Mary Thigpen, Preston Fillmon, Virginia Boswell, Elsie Adkins, Maude Paul, Dennis Willis, Jimmy Dutton.

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First Baptist To Hold Revival April 26 Thru May 1

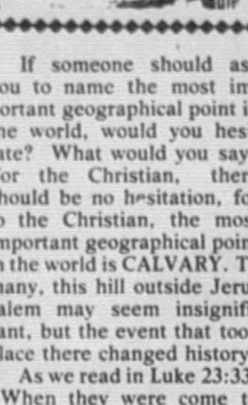


Rev. Bob Baggott

The First Baptist Church of Elba will begin revival services this Sunday, April 26, and they will continue through Friday, May 1. Services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Sunday through Friday, and 7 a.m. Monday through Friday.

The evangelist will be Rev. Bob Baggott, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Opelika. Rev. Baggott holds the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Florida, and has served churches in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama, and has been in his present pastorate since 1972.

Rev. Baggott has been active in interdenominational work, serving as a trustee of the Retirement Homes Ministry of the Alabama Baptist Convention and as vice-president of the Ala-



PASTOR'S CORNER

JOHN CARMICHAEL
ELBA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

If someone should ask you to name the most important geographical point in the world, would you hesitate? What would you say? For the Christian, there should be no hesitation, for to the Christian, the most important geographical point in the world is CALVARY. To many, this hill outside Jerusalem may seem insignificant, but the event that took place there changed history. As we read in Luke 23:33, "When they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him (Jesus)." On a cross on a hill called Calvary, Jesus Christ died, but it was no ordinary death or crucifixion. Jesus was innocent of any crime. He could have escaped himself from the mock trial, but He chose to die and become a part of God's plan

for man's salvation. 1. At Calvary, God met man. The initiative of this meeting was in God's hands. He chose the way and the place where He would meet man. We see at Calvary that God meets man in LOVE, GRACE and FORGIVENESS. There have been many great meetings across the pages of history, but none so important as the day God met man at Calvary. 2. Calvary is important in the second place because there the Savior met sin. In that day, especially, it seemed like such an unlikely place for God to meet man. Calvary was the place of Roman crucifixions. The Bible says, though, that "The wages of sin is death." So it is most appropriate that the Savior should meet sin at

Calvary, for there He paid the price of sin and death to set men free. Because Christ died on Calvary's hill, men of every age and station in life can be freed from the awful bonds of sin. 3. In the third place, Calvary is important because love met hate. We might say that this is the first time these two enemies or opposites met in the same place at the same time. But they both met at Calvary. . . the love of God confronted the hatred of men. Men were doing their worst, and God met them with "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." All across history, God has been telling men that He loved them, but this love was proven as God met man at Calvary and turned a despicable deed into an act of redemptive love. 4. Finally, Calvary is important because there life met death. Those who planned and executed the crucifixion of Jesus thought this would be the end for Him. For many people across the world today, death is a final thing: but at Calvary the God of all life has the final word. From the cross Jesus uttered those words, "It is finished." To some it meant that He was giving up, "this was the end, but nothing could be done to save the truth. Jesus meant that His work of redemption was finished. Here death was conquered and life eternal was assured. The followers of Jesus were to learn that neither the cross nor the grave could hold the Lord of Life, for He burst the bonds of death and the grave, and He lives forevermore.

Yes, Calvary is no ordinary hill. It has become a most important sacred place to every Christian.

Coffee Baptist To Hold Bible School Clinics

The Coffee Baptist Association will have two Vacation Bible School clinics this year, at different places in the county. The day session will be held at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise on April 26, from 9 a.m. until 12 Noon. The night meeting will be held at Westside Baptist in Elba on April 30, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Gospel Singing Planned Weeks Assembly

Weeks Assembly of God will have a gospel singing Saturday night, April 25, at 7:15. Guest singers will be The

Adults - Donnie Holley, pastor, Macedonia; Youth - Aubrey Waters, pastor, New Hope; Older Children - Arlinda Coleman, pastor's wife, Hillcrest; Middle Children - Janice McCabe, children's worker, Hillcrest; Younger children - Kathy Holley, pastor's wife, Macedonia; Older Pre-school - Carolyn Maddox, pastor's wife, New Hope; Younger Pre-school - Ruby Jean Kelley, Association Secretary; Missions VBS - Fred Kelley, Director of Missions.

Revival To Be Held At Shiloh Baptist Church

There will be a revival at Shiloh Baptist Church April 26 - May 1, with services beginning each night at 7 o'clock. Rev. John L. Carney will be the visiting speaker, and everyone is welcome.

Revival At Basin Baptist

Basin Baptist Church will have revival services April 26 - May 1. Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Other nights throughout the week at 7:30. Everyone is welcome.

Social Notes



Mr. Hauger & Miss Haltiwanger

Miss Haltiwanger To Marry Ryan Hauger

Mr. and Mrs. Dalmous Hoyt Haltiwanger of Birmingham, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sherri Lynn, to Ryan Everett Hauger, son of Mrs. Mary Deupree of Elba, and Mr. Guy F. Hauger of Miami, Florida.

Miss Haltiwanger is the granddaughter of Mrs. Irene Potts, and the late Eugene Potts, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Haltiwanger, all of Birmingham.

Ryan's grandparents are



Miss Johnson

Miss Modlin Becomes Bride Of Mr. Danley

Mr. Sam E. Kelley and Mrs. Thelma Modlin Kelley would like to announce the marriage of their daughter, Virginia Modlin, of Elba, to Mark Danley of Jack, Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Danley of Jack.

The couple was married Friday, April 17, 1981. Virginia will continue her education at MacArthur State Technical College in Opa until her graduation in August.

Mark is employed at Ingalls Shipyard in Gautier, Mississippi.

The couple will reside in Mississippi after August.

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AROUND THE TOWN

With Nellie Martin

***Rev. Tim Thompson, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church of Mobile, made a very impressive image as typical wide-awake young Christian. He was the guest speaker at a series of sermons at the Elba United Methodist Church a week or so ago. If all his messages had the depth and intensity as the Thursday night one, they were super. He spoke ardently, passionately and explicitly on the game of chance in a person's life.

Rev. Thompson possessed a dynamic personality, sharing his friendship in a manner that appealed to the individual.

***Well, if you have not had an opportunity to hear the Enterprise High School Encore Singers, you have missed a treasured experience.

Elba Music Lovers Club members were so graciously and joyfully entertained by this distinguished group last Thursday afternoon in the social hall of the First Baptist Church.

The musical characteristics of each person showed quality, expression, vitality and a lot of talent. The varied medley of songs was colorful, appropriate and lively. The unique costumes of the performers had the look of the '80's, and added to the Easter decor of the hall.

Mr. Tom Maddox was responsible for these noted artists' appearance here. Having worked with them a short while, he knew their abilities and talents.

However, Mr. Randy Holmes is now director, and is assisted by student teacher Randy Dean. Mr. Dean obliged the audience with a special vocal number.

Mrs. George Lamar Collier and Mrs. Milton Warr were thought and original hostesses. Appropriate and colorful Easter fashions of attractive shapes and forms added a special touch and taste to the party dainties.

These were shared by the visitors and members before the business routine.

The group of members participating were Mark Barnes, Jimmy Preachers, Mark Pierce, Mickey McDonald, Robert Cooper, David Dean, Mark Jones, Cindy Senn, Teresa Jones, Ginger Minor, Kelli Sparks and Denise Johnson.

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***If you were looking for a special day for some special event - this past Saturday was a perfect pattern! And what could have been nicer for Mrs. W.R. Crook - "Miss Jenny" - than to have special guests.

There were Dr. and Mrs. John Bevel Crook of Evergreen; a granddaughter, Lynn Daw, and great granddaughter, Christine, of Marianna, Florida. For Miss Jenny I must say "That something beautiful passed your way."

It's better to do what you think is right

And fail when you try to do it. Than to think it's right never try it.

And then have to rue it.

The Christian is not a man who is better than someone else, but one who is better than he would be if he were not a Christian.



Kathy Whitman Honored With Shower

The Elba Country Club was the setting for a marvelous shower on Saturday afternoon, April 11, honoring Miss Kathy Whitman, bride-elect of Richard Reese Mulatz.

Peggy and Kim Whitman, sisters of the bride-to-be, greeted the guests as they arrived, and directed them to the register table, where Mrs. Glenda Rainer presided. They registered with a white feathered pen in a beautifully bound bride's book.

The bride's book rested on a round table overlaid with a dainty white lace cloth over lilac. The table was adorned with two white dove doves on a pedestal, adding charm to the dainty table.

Judy Kelley introduced the guests to the honoree, and to her mother, Mrs. Ann Whitman. Mrs. Ramona Ross and Mrs. Peggy Baxley invited the guests to view the lovely display of gifts. They were then directed to the refreshment table by Judy Kelley.

The refreshment table was overlaid with a lovely white Chantilly lace cloth over white, and adorned with a beautiful arrangement of assorted flowers.

Delicious yellow bridal punch was served from a sparkling crystal punch bowl. Silver compotes held bright brims and nuts. Petit fours were served on a crystal cake tray, which rested on a pedestal. Mrs. Edith Calhoun and Mrs. Marie Lovorn presided at the refreshment table.

For this memorable occasion, Miss Whitman chose a dress of bright burgundy tulle and nylon, which featured two belts tied at the waist. She also wore a silver beaded necklace. A double-white carnation of a gift from the hostesses, completed her outfit.

Hostesses for this delightful affair were Ms. Marie Lovorn, Ms. Glenda Rainer, Mrs. Edith Calhoun, Mrs. Ramona Ross, Mrs. Peggy Baxley, Mrs. Judy Kelley, Mrs. Basil Whitman and Mrs. Foy English.

WHAT A BUNNY--When Shasta Simmons heard about a visit from the Easter Bunny, she wasn't expecting Peter Cottontail to be this big. Shasta won the four and one-half foot stuffed rabbit during a drawing last week at Lee Discount and Elba. Presenting the grand prize is store manager Neil Kendrick. Shasta celebrated her first birthday yesterday and is the daughter of Ed and Audrey Simmons.

Tip English Initiated Into Sigma Chi

Mr. Wallace Tip English, a sophomore business administration major at Troy State University, was initiated into Eta Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity on April 10, 1981. He was vice-president of his pledge class.

Tip is the twenty-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Foy English of Elba. His brother, Van, is the current vice-president of the chapter.

Sigma Chi is currently the largest fraternity on Troy State's campus, being chartered in January of 1977. The chapter formally dedicated its new house on Pell Avenue this past January.

Three Seasons Club Hears Mrs. Griswold

The Three Seasons Study Club met Monday, April 13, 1981, at the First Methodist Church of Elba. Hostesses for the evening were Shirley Parrish and Ann Bowers.

After the devotional was given, delicious refreshments were served. President Jean Helms then introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Griswold.

Mrs. Griswold, who is considered a pioneer in the field of Women in Law, gave a very interesting talk on that subject.

Afterwards, the meeting was called to order and committee reports were given by the officers.

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ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION meets 1st & 3rd Thurs. 9 a.m. at Elba Exchange Bank.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST - Eugene Hall
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Bible Study Wed...7:00 p.m.

SOULS HARBOR UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH - David Overstreet
Sun. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Sun. Night...7:00 p.m.
Tues. Night...7:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP - Terry Yates
Held at Morning View Baptist Church in Samson
Sunday Serv...3:00 p.m.
Tues. Night Serv...7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH - Allen Moore
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Church Training...5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship...6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST - Terry E. Gummels
Bible Study...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Group Study...9:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study...7:00 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - D.D. Bryant
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Church Practice...4:30 p.m.
Young People Serv...5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship...6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY - Kenneth White
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Sun. Night Wor...6:30 p.m.
Tues. Night Wor...7:30 p.m.
Prayer Service-Youth Service

SASSER MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Huey D. Anderson
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Even. Worship...5:30 p.m.
Wed. Night...7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Jim Arbogast
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Junior Worship...11:00 a.m.
Youth Serv...6:00 p.m.
Even. Evang. Serv...6:00 p.m.
Youth Serv. Wed...7:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH - Donald Hall
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Training Union...5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship...7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

MT. GLEAD BAPTIST CHURCH - Fred A. Fowler
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...7:00 p.m.
Church Training...6:00 p.m.
Even. Worship...7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH - David Richburg
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Church Train...6:00 p.m.
Even. Worship...7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH - Howard Foreman
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir Prac...4:45 p.m.
Church Train...6:00 p.m.
Even. Worship...7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH - Gary Carter
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Training Union...6:00 p.m.
Even. Worship...7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Ser...7:00 p.m.
Visitation - Thursday nights 8 a.m. & 9 a.m. Wed. 7:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH - Joe Hoyt Cooper
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Train. Union...5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH - Faye Stans
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Youth Service...5:00 p.m.
Evening Serv...6:00 p.m.
Thurs. even. Wor...7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST - Billy Gregory
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Training Union...5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - J.L. Gray
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Worship Serv...11:00 a.m.
Training Union...5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH - Larry Graham
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Train. Union...6:00 p.m.
Even. Worship...7:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays
Wed. Mission...6:00 p.m.
Church rehearsal each Thursday before 1st & 3rd Sun.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH - Harry Driggers
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH - Ken English
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Church Practice...4:30 p.m.
Even. Worship...7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

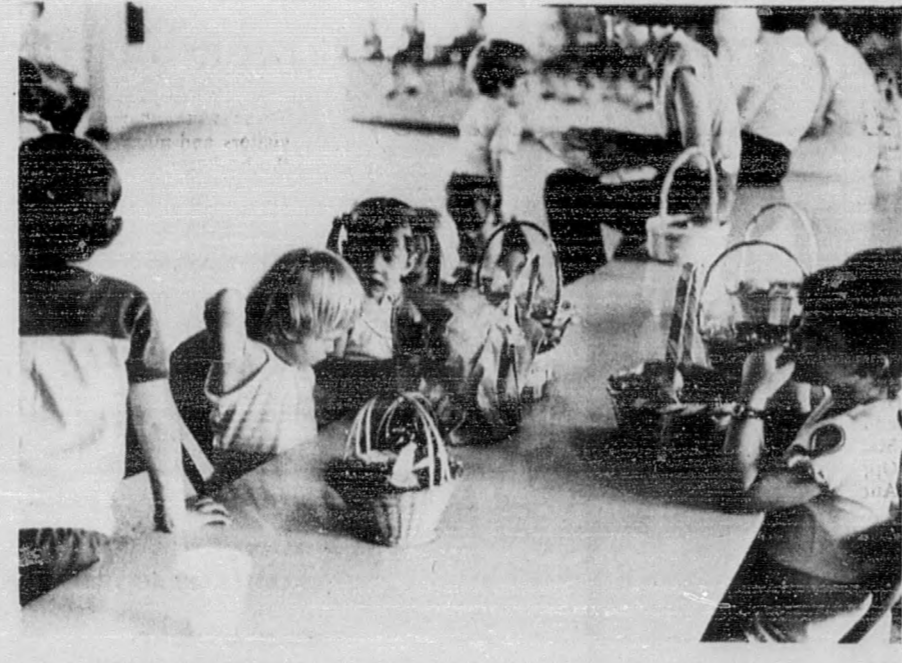
ELBA UNITED METHODIST - John Carmichael
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:45 a.m.
Children & Youth Choir Practice...6:00 p.m.
Even. Worship...7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - Jimmy and Shirley Hatcher
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic Serv...7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night Serv...7:00 p.m.
WELB Daily...12:30 p.m.

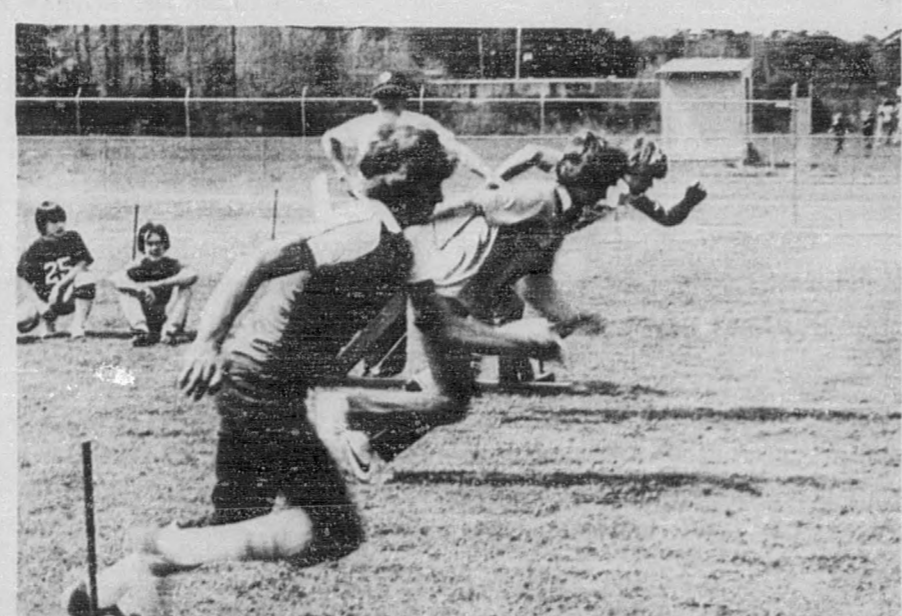
MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD - William T. McCrummen
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
C.A. Evening...4:30 p.m.
Even. Worship...5:30 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Kinston-Andrew T. Hickman
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Worship/Preach...11:00 a.m.
C.A. (Youth)...5:30 p.m.
Evangelistic Serv...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study...7:00 p.m.

MULBERRY HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST - Bro. R.B. Williams
Bible Study...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study...7:00 p.m.



AFTER A LONG HUNT--These youngsters are ready to crack open the eggs and unwrap the candy after spending a hot day in the sun searching for hidden treasures during the Easter egg hunt at Elba United Methodist Church Saturday.



Over 400 young people from 15 Assembly of God churches recently participated in a Sparanans at the Elba High School stadium. The olympic style events were geared to the age level participating.

POOR ORIGINAL

EHS

Black & Gold Review

BY: LISA SMITH



Elba Symphonic Band Rates Superior

The Elba High School Symphonic Band, under the direction of Steve Thompson, recently participated in the Alabama Band Association State Band Contest. This year's prestigious concert band festival was held at Troy State University, which hosted over 70 of the state's finest bands.

The Elba band performed three concert selections for three judges, and sight read two tunes (which they had not seen before) for a fourth judge. After completing the competition requirements, the band was awarded the highest rating of "overall superior performance."

This festival is held each year and hosted by the Alabama Bandmasters Association. Only those bands who are awarded an "overall superior" rating on the district level are allowed to



4th Grade - Art Brunson, Tommy Holt, Buster Kelley, Brian Payne, Mike McCollough, Martha Holt



5th Grade - Lamar Stokes, Christian Fleming, Mark Vaughan, Scott Garland, Troy Kelly, Pat Dewberry, Ginger Lindsey

Math Tournament Held At Andy



Students representing Elba High School attended the Second Annual Mathematics Tournament held at Andalusia High School on April 4, 1981. A total of fourteen schools were represented with as many as six students from each school in each division.

Eighth-grade students from Elba who attended the tournament were as follows: Tim Dyess, Michael Maddox, Jeannie Sims, Stacy Santa Rosa, Wayne Nolen and Louise Fillmon. Algebra I students were as follows: Jackie Gray, Lulu Powell, Nancy Johnston, Millie Pearce, Keith Murdoch and Tiffany Harper.

The contest consisted of team and individual competition, and trophies were awarded to the top three in each division. Elba placed second in the 8th grade team competition. Wayne Nolen placed second in the individual competition.

Congratulations to all these students.

Seniors Of The Week

JEFFERY SMART - is the son of the late Joe Ed Smart. He now resides with his mother, Jane, and stepfather, Rayford Hodge. He is a member of VICA. He enjoys swimming, riding horses, going to the beach and being with friends. After high school he plans to attend MacArthur Tech.



TERRY SPICER

GINA STOKES - is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Stokes. She is a member of VICA. She enjoys skating, swimming and riding horses. After high school she plans to attend Enterprise State Jr. College. Congratulations!

VICA Spotlight

TERRY SPICER - is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spicer. He is a sophomore, and is a member of VICA, E Club, Beta Club, Omni Club. He is also a first-year student in auto mechanics. Congratulations!



Guess Who
Grade 9th
Favorite Teacher - Killingsworth
Favorite Food - Pizza
Favorite Pastime - Twirling
Favorite Color - Red



Band Member Of The Week

VELINDA SKINNER - is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Skinner. She has been in the band seven years, and plays the clarinet. She is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Sr. Beta, YFC and the Band Council. Her favorite pastime is swimming and riding bikes.

Congratulations!

Students Enter Math Contest

The 5th and 7th grade math classes recently participated in a math contest that was sponsored by the Alabama Mathematics League. The top five scores from each grade will be entered in the statewide contest as the score representing Elba.



Library Council Members Vernon McCarter, Sam Cooper and Felicia Craig head pose with projects they completed to commemorate National Library Week, April 5-11, 1981. All other club members completed projects too.

Library Council Goes To District Meet

On Friday, April 10, 1981, fourteen members of the Elba High School Library Council and sponsor, Mrs. Margaret Calhoun, attended the annual district meeting of the Wiregrass Library Assistants Association.

George W. Long School, Skipperville, Alabama, hosted the meeting. This meeting culminated the club's celebration National Library Week.

All club members attending created an original poster and/or exhibit to promote books, libraries or reading. These projects were entered in competition with those from other schools in the Wiregrass area. In the poster competition, Randy Parker won 2nd place with a poster entitled, "Turn Over a New Leaf - Read." Cathynette Carpenter placed second in the exhibit contest. She built a small replica of the library and made dresses for various Barbie dolls. Her title was, "The Library Has Many Fashions and Styles - 100% Free." The club's scrapbook was judged 3rd in a field of many.

Other activities included a costume contest. Our club's entrant, Calvin Carpenter, portrayed the cartoon character of Popeye. Talent contestants from EHS were Stacy Santa Rosa singing "The From Ice Castles" accompanied by Lisa Moore at the piano.

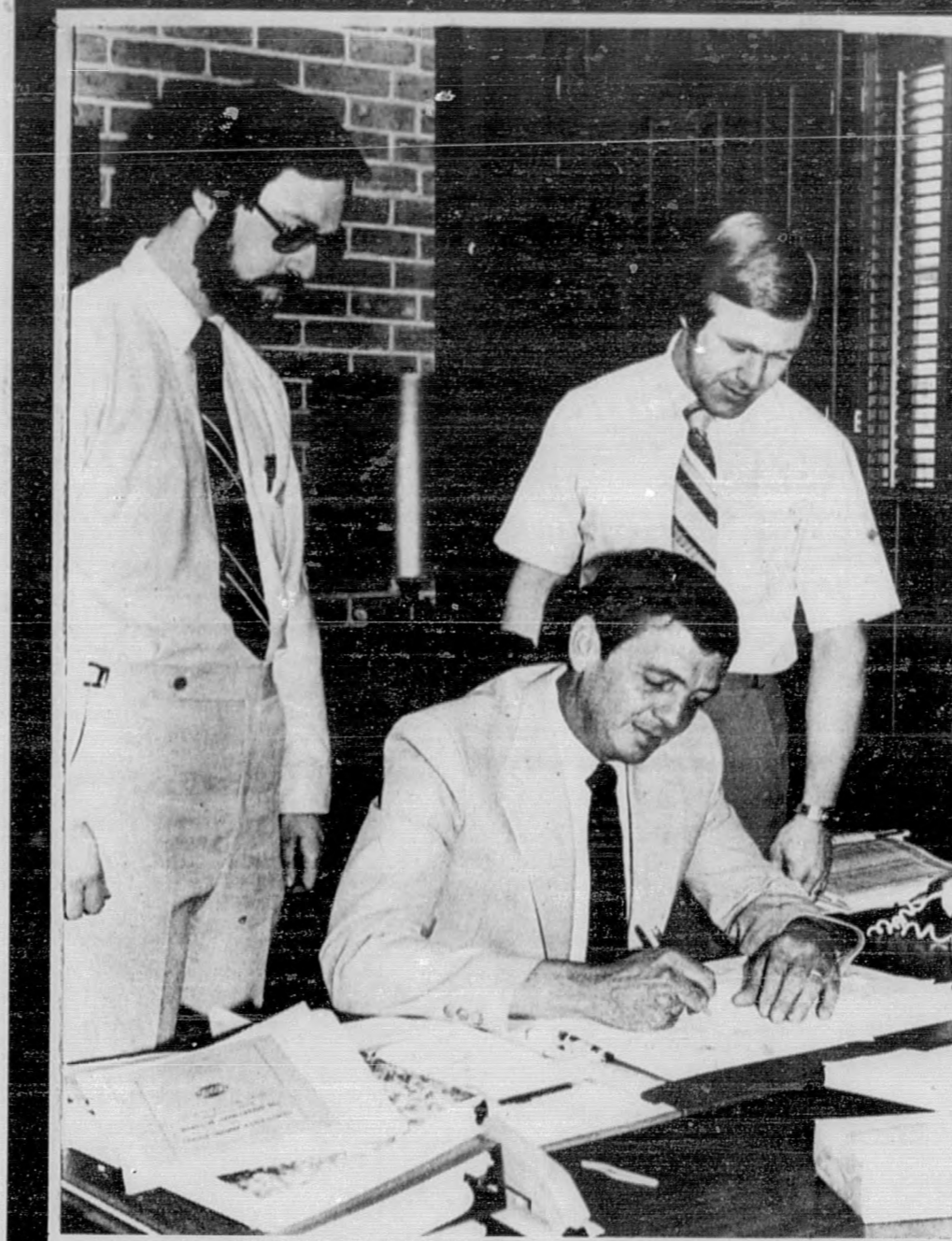
Club members had a fun and educational trip which culminated back in Elba with a visit to Elba's new public library facility. Mrs. Dowling conducted an interesting and informative tour. She mentioned many of the services available to patrons. Members attending were Sam Cooper, Felicia Craighead, Tammy Parker,

a confidential counseling service



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ELBA HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR STEVE THOMPSON AND BAND BOOSTERS MEMBER GARY HARRISON WITNESS MAYOR BOB ENGLISH AS HE LENDS HIS SIGNATURE TO A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 25 AS BAND DAY IN ELBA.

ELBA BAND BOOSTERS

BAND DAY - 81

APRIL 24-25

FRIDAY NIGHT - APRIL 24

"Womanless" Beauty Contest in Elba High School Auditorium. Admission: \$2.00 per person. 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY - APRIL 25

Activities in the High School Gym, High School Cafeteria and surrounding school grounds.

All day long we will have activities for your entire family. These include: helicopter display, bingo, antique car display, dunking machine, old time photo booth and homemade cake sale. These are just a few of the fun things so plan to bring your entire family and spend the day with us.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

9:00 A.M. - Live broadcast over WELB will begin.

9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. - Middle School and High School bands will perform in gym.

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - The King's Four Quartet will perform in the gym.

11:30 A.M. - Serving will begin in the High School cafeteria for Chicken Bar-B-Que plates. Tickets for \$2.50 each can be purchased in advance from band students. Take out orders available or you can eat in the cafeteria. Stage band will perform during lunch hour in cafeteria.

1:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. - Square Dance Team from Enterprise will perform in High School Gym.

2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. - Auction conducted by Ronnie Vaughan in the high school gym. Services and merchandise for the auction will be donated by local merchants.

4:00 P.M. - Drawing for raffle prizes. Tickets are available in advance from any band student for \$1.00.

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IN THE SCENE ABOVE ARE CONTESTANTS OF AN EARLIER WOMANLESS BEAUTY CONTEST HELD IN ELBA. THE PAGEANT, WHICH WAS CALLED A MISS MR. CONTEST WAS SPONSORED BY DORSEY TRAILERS IN 1951. THE PROCLAIMED WINNER OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EVENT WAS EARL STINSON (center), WITH THE ALTERNATES BY HIS (far left) SIDE-MIKE TAYLOR ON THE LEFT AND CURTIS SMITH ON THE RIGHT.

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Enterprise CPA's Winston Brunson and D.E. Cain Jr. will be available to discuss accounting; Mary Balthaus, assistant county agent for Geneva County agriculture; Whit Armstrong, Jerry Brunson and Ben Henderson Jr., banking; Terry Duffie and Connor Vernon, WKMX - broadcast/radio; Al Roberts, WTVY-TV, Dothan - broadcast/TV; Evelyn Johnson - computer science; Robert Doggett - construction; and Terri Roberts and Jackie Parker - cosmetology/barbering.

Henry Reagan, Alabama Power Company - drafting; Mamie Nichols - early childhood; Johnny Vaughan, Elba - education; Bill Selman - engineering; Jim Patterson, Dothan - flight attendant; Karen Newton and Adam Thomas - food service; Charlie Brooks, Crime Lab, ESJC - forensic science; Bob DeVaughan, Elba - forestry; Dr. Jack Mills Jr. - dentistry; Jerry Shaffer - hospital administration; Sheryl Kendall - laboratory; Juanita Blocker, medical assistant; and Sylvia Comer, medical secretary.

Dr. Jim Stanley - medicine; Carla Carmichael - nursing; Dr. Gary Dobbs - optometry; Martha Jones - pharmacy; Don Nelson - physical therapy; Kenneth Ball - public health; Harry Glider, Clyde Whitaker and Rex Powell - insurance; Hamp Hogg, New Brockton - interior design.

Roy Shoffner - journalism; Ken Hooks and Tom Haigh - law; Sheriff Bruce Paul and Police Chief Robert Paschal - law enforcement; Bernice Trawick - legal secretary; Dr. Bill Montgomery - ministry/church music; Maxie Seary - mortuary science; Mike Hayes - photography; Dr. Fred George - psychology; Jerry Austin - real estate; Otis Parker - retail sales/management; Pat Knight - recreation; Martha Ayers - secretary; and Ron Smith - social work.

Dr. Wayne Roberts and Dr. Faith Drumheller, Opi-veterinary medicine; and Tim Byrd - youth services. Firms and organizations represented are: Alabama National Guard; Alabama Power Company; Alfah, Inc.; Bama Mills; Benson Wholesale; Geneva, U.S. Civil Service, Ft. Rucker; ConAgra Poultry; Dallas Sports Knitting; Dorsey Trailers, Elba; Dura-Cast, Inc.; Enterprise Electronics; Farley Nuclear Plant, Columbia; Frit Industries, Inc. Ozaik; General Telephone, Dothan; Hinges, Inc.; Industrial Lifts, Inc.; Kleinert's, Inc.; Elba; Michelin Tire Company; Dothan; Northrop Worldwide Aircraft, Inc.; Sessions Company, Inc.; Sony Corp.; Dothan; Southland Broilers, Inc.; State Employment Service; and Van Heusen Company, Geneva.

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Personal Problems Bring Spotlight To Former First Lady

Former First Lady Cornelia Wallace was hospitalized in Elba during the weekend, following an incident involving a truck which had been reported stolen.

Mrs. Wallace was taken into custody by Opi police Saturday when they discovered her driving a green truck which Elba resident Charles Pearce had reported stolen earlier in the day. Pearce, the principal of Elba Middle School, had told Elba police his truck was stolen while parked near Danley Crossroads.

Police officials said the ex-wife of former Governor George Wallace was in a "highly nervous" state when they took her into custody. She was reportedly driving the truck on a county road near Opi.

Mrs. Wallace had been visiting relatives in Elba Friday and Saturday. She was held at Opi jail until Coffee County Sheriff Deputy Tom Weeks transported her to Elba General Hospital. According to Weeks, Mrs. Wallace was "very congenial" and relatively calm when he picked her up. She has since been released from the local hospital and family members have not revealed where she is now.

Pearce did not file charges against the former Elba native and Opi Police Chief Jerry Brannon described the truck as actually being borrowed. Even though Mrs. Wallace was handcuffed while in custody in Opi, she was never jailed.

Mrs. Wallace is the daughter of Ruby Folsom Austin and a niece to former Governor James E. "Big Jim" Folsom.



SHERIFF BRUCE PAUL REQUESTS ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM COUNTY COMMISSION

Leukemia Cycle -for- Life Scheduled For Saturday

A bike-a-thon to benefit the leukemia Society will be held Saturday in Elba with registration at 8:30 a.m. for participants.

Charlotte Windham, chairman of the local Cycle-for-Life, said the actual event should begin about 9 a.m. at Elba Elementary School. The designated route is approximately three miles long, but participants can follow the route for a maximum of ten miles.

Sponsor forms are available at the local schools. Anyone riding in the bike-a-thon needs to collect sponsor pledge, before Saturday morning's event since the boy and girl turning in the most money will receive ten-speed bicycles. The second prize will be an AM-FM radio.

All proceeds will be used to support research on leukemia, which continues to rank as the number one killer disease of children in the United States. According to Mrs. Windham, all bikers who collect \$25 or more will receive a commemorative t-shirt, and those collecting \$75 or more will be awarded t-shirts and backpacks.

The local event is being held in honor of five-year-old Robyn Rhodes, a victim of leukemia.

Elba Kindergarten Registration Set

Elba children who will be five years old on or before October 2, 1981, may attend public kindergarten by registering at the Elba Elementary School on Friday, May 1, 1981.

Parents must bring their child to the school between 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and must bring the child's birth certificate and blue immunization certificate. This immunization certificate may be obtained at the county health office or from the child's physician.

Services for the handicapped will be available to kindergarten students.

Jail Woes Continuing ; Sheriff Requests Money

The Coffee County Commission met on Monday, April 27, in Enterprise, and held a short but very active meeting.

The first order of business was to open bids on metal pipe to be used by the highway department. Bids were received from Alabama Metal Forming Company, Choctaw, Southern Culvert, Fusco Pipe Company, and Brown Pipe Company. After careful examination by the county engineer, the commission voted to split the bid, with the low bid on arch pipe going to Choctaw, and the low bid on round pipe going to Southern Culvert.

County Attorney Warren Rowe told the commission Judge Arthur Gamble had set May 19 at 10:00 a.m. as the hearing date on progress made on a lawsuit filed to make the commissioners build a jail in Enterprise. The plaintiffs in the suit have asked the commission be held in contempt of court in the case, because of delays in beginning construction of the facility. The county attorney reported he would inform the judge of the recent decision to build a jail in the Enterprise division (New Brockton) and to finance it with a 1-cent sales tax. The attorney was confident the actions would please the judge.

The lack of adequate representation on the Goodman Water Authority apparently prompted a petition which was given to the commission at Monday's meeting. The petition called for the commission to place two additional members on the board - Joseph Edward Phillips and Louis Cole. Cole

was present at the meeting and explained that the members of the Authority had no control over the board, and that only the current three-man board could appoint new directors. He added that no elections were held when a director resigned - the board would simply appoint someone.

County Attorney Warren Rowe stated he felt the total membership had the right to hold an election to fill vacancies on the board, and he promised to check the Authority's charter and by-laws and report back to the commission.

Sheriff Bruce Paul addressed the commission and declared, "We've got a little problem at the jail - we lost three CETA jailers two weeks ago and that leaves us in a pretty big hole. All we have left are three jailers and a warden - we've had to move a deputy to the jail and also a secretary from the sheriff's office. I need three additional jailers, two men and one woman, and it will cost around \$12,000 in salaries. I must have these people to provide adequate protection for the citizens of Coffee County, and to properly run the jail. I can't meet the provisions of the code with only four jailers."

When asked about other counties in the area getting by with only one jailer, the sheriff answered he didn't know their financial status, and when asked if his budget could afford the \$12,000 for salaries, Paul admitted his budget wasn't looking too good.

Several commissioners suggested pulling deputies off the road, which

brought an immediate reaction from the sheriff. "I can't pull deputies off the road," he declared, "we are already badly understaffed. My people are working 78 1/2 hours a week now, and that is with only four people trying to protect over 38,000 people. My office has deadlines and court orders to meet - they have to do their jobs. I guess we can turn the problem over to the people and let them form vigilante groups."

Commissioner Gilmer Grant stated, "You're asking for something the county can't afford," to which Sheriff Paul replied, "By adding these additional people you could be avoiding a lawsuit. You can pay them now or pay them later!"

The commission discussed the matter briefly and then voted unanimously to table any further discussion.

County Engineer Bill McClain told the commission about a problem in an Enterprise subdivision, Gateway Estates II. He reported the previous commission had agreed to accept responsibility of the streets in the area after they had been paved and serviced for one year. The year is up, but McClain said the streets were not kept in proper condition, and added they didn't meet the county's standards. After hearing McClain's recommendation, the commission voted to notify the contractor of improvements which must be made before the county will accept the roads.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the commission:

***approved a request by Mr. Barney Pruitt to eliminate a curve and add a drainage pipe on Rowe Street, in a housing community near McCall's Store on 84 West. The work will eliminate a critical water problem for several residents along the road;

***accepted a low bid from J.M. Presley to drill two monitoring wells at the sanitary landfill. Presley bid \$575 to drill the initial 30 feet and \$3,500 a foot if the well must be deeper. The other bid was from English Well Drilling, and it was \$590 for the initial 40 feet, plus \$7.50 per foot additional drilling;

***failed to fill a spot on the Community Mental Health Board, made vacant by the expired term of John Vaughan;

***authorized Commissioners Bottwell and Bradley to buy new tables for the community room at the Fair Center; and

***authorized all the commissioners to attend the Association of County Commissioners National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 11-15. (All stated they would attend.)

The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m. at the Enterprise courthouse.



COUNTY ATTORNEY WARREN ROWE TALKS WITH COMMISSION AND PROBATE JUDGE JAMES SAWYER ABOUT COURT APPEARANCE BEFORE DISTRICT JUDGE ARTHUR GAMBLE

'Feds not taking from poor, giving to rich' - English

By CYNTHIA MADDOX

For years numerous state and local politicians have been screaming at the federal government to stay within the confines of Washington, D.C. and out of local affairs. After attending a briefing in the nation's Capitol on Pres. Ronald Reagan's economic recovery program, Elba Mayor Bob English is optimistic that the message has finally reached listening ears.

"President Reagan is making an effort to return a lot of control back to state and local governments. It's like Vice President Bush said, if the people had enough confidence to elect us at the state and local levels, the federal governments should have enough confidence to let us administer our programs," said English.

English spent the day in Washington on April 22 attending an economic forum and policy briefing of the Office of Management and Budget; James A. Baker III, White House chief of staff; Drew Lewis, secretary of transportation; and Terrell Bell, secretary of education. Elba's mayor was one of only three in the state selected to attend this conference. The mayors of Mobile and Montgomery also received invitations.

While Reagan's economic package calls for drastic money-tightening measures at all levels of government, English said he foresees Elba prospering during the administration.

"Under Reagan's concept, decisions are being turned back to local governments for us to spend federal money as we need it," English explained. "That could open doors for us to receive more federal

dollars. According to the mayor, the original application for a federal grant to fund a drainage project in Mulberry Heights was for \$325,000. This amount was granted, but by the time the money filtered back through the various federal agencies to Elba, only \$270,000 remained.

"Under Pres. Reagan's philosophy, if the city of Elba needs \$325,000 then give it to them and don't allow anyone along the way to take a piece of the pie," noted English.

Cabinet members told the mayors instead of federal dollars being designated for certain projects, more and more money will soon be earmarked.

"That way if Elba needs a new fire house instead of new sidewalks, then maybe we can decide to build a fire house instead of having bureaucrats from Birmingham or Atlanta coming down to tell us how to do this or that."

Prior to going to Washington, English said he supported many of Reagan's policies, but had misgivings about some of the President's economic proposals. However, the information given to him during the briefing seems to have cleared up many of the misconceptions.

"His program is streamlining all areas of government. Unlike what some of the liberal press have led us to believe, he is not taking from the poor and giving to the rich."

"Sure, many of the social programs are being cut back. But right now a family of four with an income of \$14,000 is eligible for food stamps. Reagan is cutting this back to \$11,000," he added.

Cutbacks by the new administration have resulted in the city of Elba losing 18 CETA employees, only four

of which have been replaced. But English said everyone has got to make sacrifices and Elba is no exception. Reductions are being made in all federal departments except defense and agriculture. Information presented to English showed bureaucratic waste is being trimmed to the bone.

"In education there are 45 separate departments and the President is proposing that all the programs be consolidated into two," said English. "This is what they're doing all the way through."

The mayor predicted that Elba and cities throughout the country will also prosper from the Reagan's 30 percent personal income tax cut and from tax incentives designed for industrial and business growth.

"With less taxes being taken out of personal income, people will have more money to spend in Elba, instead of it going to the government."

If Reagan's proposals are passed by Congress and are then successful in bringing soaring interest rates down, English also expects industrial prospects to show interest in the Elba area. Also, with the increase in defense spending, more money is expected to be pumped into nearby Fort Rucker resulting in a boost for local economies.

"It will probably be six to twelve months before we see any direct results of Reagan's economic proposal. But the interest rates have got to go down before we see any new housing here, or before people are able to buy trailers from Dorsey's."

Summarizing the conference, English said he was impressed with the apparent sincerity of Reagan's Cabinet members and he believes he made contact with several key persons that might be beneficial to the city in the near future.

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